



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

March 10, 2000

David Frulla, Esq.  
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RE: MUR 4643  
Democratic Republican Independent  
Voter Education Committee and  
Thomas C. Keegel, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Frulla:

On November 6, 1997, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, the Democratic Republican Independent Voter Education Committee ("DRIVE") and Tom Sever, then serving as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

Upon reviewing our files, it was brought to our attention that your clients were not notified of the Commission's decision as to them in this case. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. On July 20, 1999, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided by you and your clients, that there is no reason to believe your clients violated the Act in connection with their contributions to the New Mexico Democratic Party. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to DRIVE and Thomas C. Keegel, as treasurer.

This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days after it has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect until the entire matter is closed. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

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If you have any questions, please contact Margaret J. Toalson, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble  
General Counsel

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By: Lois G. Lerner  
Associate General Counsel

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